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1. On 27 July 1955 the following were observed in Turnovo:
 - a. Fourteen artillery officers, two of whom were artillery unit commanders;
 - b. Five infantry officers including a Lieutenant Colonel and a Major;
 - c. Two tank Lieutenants;
 - d. Five noncommissioned artillery officers and four noncommissioned infantry officers;
 - e. About 20 artillerymen in front of the bathing establishment of the city;
 - f. Several men from the Infantry and the Engineers.

No student officers were observed.
 2. On 28 July 1955, about ten infantrymen were observed within and in front of the school on the road to Nova Zagora. At approximately 6:00 a.m. about 30 cannon shots were heard coming from the east. These were probably firing exercises.
 3. The following legend refers to a sketch of Turnovo included as an appendix in two parts on pages 3 and 4:
 - 1: The "Khristo Botev" Artillery School for Reserve Officers, which is very large and well maintained, although little activity was noted here at the time of observation;
 - 2: Artillery barracks located in the vicinity of the road to Stalin, including at least five 2-story buildings, a headquarters building and several 1-story buildings; two artillerymen on a horse-drawn cart were observed entering the barracks area and 20 artillerymen, composed of both reservists and recruits, led by an artillery officer were observed leaving the barracks in the direction of Turnovo;
 - 3: Radio station with three antennas and a small building on the side of a hill located about 100 meters above the artillery barracks;
 - 4: Officers mess, with two mock cannons in front of the entrance;
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- 5: A depot, apparently not in use, with an empty and dilapidated observation post; no activity was observed at the two 50 x 5-meter buildings which belong to this installation and are located on the edge of the road;
- 6: Private houses and factory;
- 7: Okrug People's Council;
- 8: School;
- 9: Church built in 1950;
- 10: Open air restaurant located near the Military School;
- 11: Main square;
- 12: Urban People's Council, and
- 13: Hospital.

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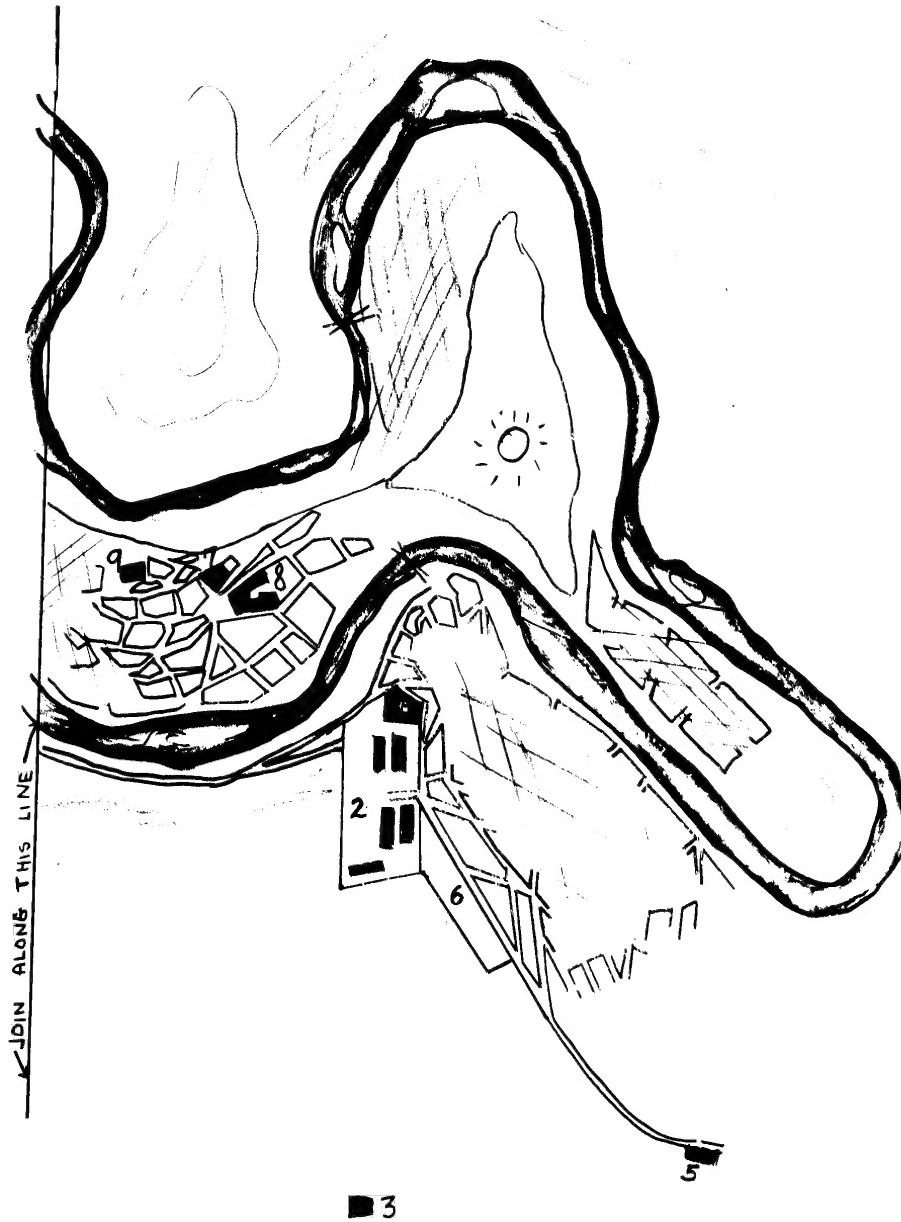
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